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1. After early June 1954, the cantonment northeast of Jamnitz (3302) at the Lieberose troop training grounds had been less occupied than previously. Traffic at the camp the commissary had also decreased considerably prior to 20 June. Elements of the units stationed there presumably were absent from the camp during this period. About 10 to 12 trucks each occupied by about 30 soldiers entered the camp on both, 18 and 19 June. After 22 June, the camp was occupied as previously. Several groups, each of about 50 soldiers, almost daily received instruction in the open. The commissary was also frequented as previously. On 25 June, the "flying commissary" arrived at the camp. This store followed the units during prolonged periods of absence from the post. At 0730 on 23 June, at least 20 pontoons were detained at the Lieberose railroad station. At about 0730 on 24 June, 10 x 132-mm rocket launchers entered the camp. In the afternoon of 26 June, a single-engine aircraft towing a sleeve target was seen over the training area proceeding toward Peitz. The sleeve target was not fired at. During the nights of 26 and 30 June, major exercises were held in the training area. Firing with carbines, machine guns and mortars was heard until 0600. Between 29 June and 3 July, 300 to 400 soldiers repeatedly received theoretical instruction in the open. At about 2100 on 3 July, about 200 soldiers armed with machine guns, submachine guns and carbines and wearing camouflage tarpaulins were seen on the Blasdorf-Jamnitz road. At about 1830 on 4 July, about 40 to 60 boxcars and flatcars with sideracks were assembled at the Lieberose freight station, probably for loading. About 30 trucks with a total of 400 soldiers wearing full field equipment were standing in front of the railroad station. It is possible that the soldiers engaged in a loading practice. Small groups of soldiers with baggage were repeatedly seen coming from the training area. They presumably went on leave to the USSR. ¹

2. Between 12 June and 2 July, about 40 trucks were parked in the camp northeast of Jamnitz. A tank parking lot was presumably located north or northeast of the lake. ²

3. Between 12 June and 2 July, a small cantonment in Jamnitz was occupied by about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The cantonment probably housed a ration supply depot, since trucks with boxes and sacks continually arrived at and departed from the installation.

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4. Between 9 and 11 June, artillery firing practices were held at the Templin troop training grounds. On 20 June, a mixed unit held an exercise in the area between Roedelien and Beutel. Eight T-34 tanks were seen in a simulated attack against infantry positions. The tanks were followed by about 200 infantrymen with fixed bayonets.
5. Between 8 and 12 June, artillery and machine gun firing was held at the Templin troop training grounds between 0530 and 1830.
6. On 22 June, supply officers of Camp Vogelsang [] included Lieutenant Colonels Dobrenko, Zubov and Markano and Major Voronin. The unit from the Weisse Stadt settlement in Oranienburg [] was quartered between Jagen (forest section) Nos 274 and 269.
7. On 7 July, it was determined that a major restricted area with tent camps was located in the triangle formed by straight lines between Kapps, Kurtschlag and Gross Doelln. Local residents stated that the area had been off limits since early July. Reports of guns were frequently heard at night.
8. Between 11 June and 3 July, several shipments of ammunition were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station and were trucked toward Camp Vogelsang by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 17 June, 6 T-34/85 tanks [] were seen on Schwarzer Weg, coming from the direction of Camp Vogelsang; on 29 June, T-34/85 tanks [] and 5 trucks with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets came from the same direction. The two columns proceeded toward the Schorfheide airfield via Storkow. On 3 July, T-34/85 tanks [] followed by 3 JSU-122 guns returned. Heavy traffic by individual tanks and small tank columns was observed between Vogelsang, Storkow and the Schorfheide airfield during the [] under various []. On 15 June, 20 trucks towing 160-mm mortars [] were seen on Schwarzer Weg. They came from the direction of Zehdenick and proceeded toward Camp Vogelsang. At about 1000 on 3 July, a column which was seen on Schwarzer Weg and had come from Camp Vogelsang included: 1 truck with 1 motorboat, 1 truck mounting a crane, 10 trucks with wooden floats and 1 truck carrying soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and full field equipment, and towing 1 field kitchen. 4
9. After about 15 June, the woods in Jagen Nos 205 and 206 were being cut. Buildings for Camp Vogelsang were to be constructed in this area. The 18 quartering buildings in the northwest corner of Jagen 223 were ready for occupation after about 20 July. The new commissary and the new hospital were nearing completion. 5
10. On 30 June, a shipment of tanks and motor vehicles was unloaded at the Templin freight station.
11. Between 15 and 26 June, tanks practiced driving in the wooded area south of the Schorfheide airfield between Kurtschlag and Grossvaeter. Lanes in this area were blocked and guarded. A signal exercise had been under way in this area since 24 June. Nine radio trucks and numerous telephone lines were observed.
1. [] Comment. The information supplements previous observations [] according to which, in late May and early June, units of the 7th Gds Mech Div returned to their quartering area from the Lieberose training grounds for security missions in occasion of the Whitam rally and the anniversary of the June riots. [] These units probably returned to the camp northeast of Jamnitz prior to 22 June and presumably started training which, according to schedule, included exercises of mixed combat units and night firing. Exercises of this type had already been conducted by the other units of the division.
2. [] Comment. [] the trucks belonged to the 24th Gds Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div. According to other sources, elements of the regiment from Berlin-Karlshorst [] transferred to the Lieberose troop training grounds []

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3.  Comment. The officers are known as supply officers in Camp Vogelsang. 
4.  Comment. This engineer unit probably is the unit of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army which, on 3 July, was seen entering Camp Vogelsang.  The reference report also mentioned the arrival of ammunition for advanced combat firing practices of these elements. Elements of the 111th Tank Regt, the 162d Tank Regt, and the 175th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div are confirmed at the Templin troop training grounds 

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